

STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Frequently Asked Questions



Who manages it?

The GDOT Office of Transportation Data (OTD) acts as a liaison between GDOT and local governments to manage and update the major highway systems:

- State Highway System (SHS)
- U.S. Highway System
- Highway Functional Classification (FC) System
- National Highway System (NHS)

What are the guidelines?

OTD adheres to the Georgia State Codes for management of the SHS, including:

- **O.C.G.A. § 32-4-20**
Composition of State Highway System
- **O.C.G.A. § 32-4-21**
Designation of roads as part of the State Highway System
- **O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2**
Procedure for Abandonment

How does a local government propose a change?

1. Local governments send a letter to the GDOT Commissioner proposing a change.
2. OTD researches the proposed change and provides a recommendation.
3. The Commissioner sends a response to the local government.

Refer to [GDOT Policy 3625-1](#).

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How is a road removed?

GDOT offers the roadway to a local government. If the local government accepts, OTD will send a document for them to sign, stating the local government agrees to adopt the roadway for ownership and maintenance. GDOT's Commissioner executes the *Order of the Commissioner*, officially removing the roadway from the SHS. GDOT has the option of maintaining or abandoning roadways per **O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2**.

What are the different types of SHS revisions?

SHS revisions include:

- Removing a State Route in Common
- Redesignation of a State Route
- State Route Addition
- State Route Obliteration
- Adding a State Route in Common
- Intersection Improvements
- State Route Removal or Abandonment
- Local Roadway(s) Transferred to the SHS

What are some key dates and facts about the Georgia SHS?

Here are some key dates and facts:

- Longest State Route:
State Route 11 (377.6 miles)
- Longest Interstate:
I-75 (354.7 miles)
- Longest U.S. Route:
US-23 (395.8 miles)
- 1926 — The first U.S. Routes were designated in Georgia.
- 1977 — I-20, I-95, I-75 and I-85 were the first interstates to be completed.